

HOUSE RESOLUTION 376
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A RESOLUTION to commend Reba E. England for fifty years of honorable and astute service with the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Reba E. England is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure with the State of Tennessee Department of Transportation, Mrs. England has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community and her state; and

WHEREAS, she joined TDOT at its office in Crossville on August 3, 1953, under the supervision of Richard M. Griffin, Sr.; during the half century since that time, she has earned the respect of seven additional supervisors for the outstanding quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a true trailblazer, she was the only female employee in her office throughout much of her tenure, which began during the governorship of Frank G. Clement and has spanned the terms in office of eight governors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. England's remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. England cherishes the love and companionship of her husband of fifty-one years, Ralph England, and is the devoted mother of

Wade England and Carmen Kington and the proud grandmother of Michael England, Jace England, and Cady Kington; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, she is an active member of Pine Eden Baptist Church of Crossville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. England is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Reba E. England for her fifty years of honorable and astute service to the good people of this State with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, salute her tremendous character and her estimable dedication to the common good, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.